

## QUESTIONNAIRES TO BE RETURNED WITHIN 7 DAYS

Some 4,500 question blanks have been sent to registrants. At noon today but a small number had been returned.

For this reason the exemption boards have asked the newspapers to request those who have received blanks to hasten their replies.

The man whose blank is not returned within seven days after it is filed loses all his rights under the law, and commits a grievous offense.

The board rooms are open until 9 o'clock each evening, and the boards are willing to aid all who need aid.

## STRATFORD

(Special to The Farmer)

Stratford, Dec. 20.—The women of Stratford started yesterday to fill stockings for the community Christmas tree, which was set up Monday on Academy Hill. The tree is 30 feet tall and is to have a gift on it for every Stratford child besides enough more for the soldiers, who number nearly 350. Every soldier of the town is to have a gift and if he is not there to answer to the roll call, the gift will be sent to him. So in order to have every Stratford soldier or sailor remembered, relatives are asked to send the name of any member of their family who have joined the colors. Names should be sent to Fred W. Thompson, chairman of the Citizens Committee.

The town hall of Stratford was a busy place Tuesday and Wednesday when the women began filling stockings with candy and nuts to go on the huge Christmas tree which is to be the gathering place for all Stratford on Christmas eve. The Boys' and Girls' Union club of the town is the sponsor of this movement, and the whole town is backing the club. When the boys in olive drab come home on Christmas eve, they will be met at the station by a band, and every member of the club and probably half of the remainder of the population of Stratford. Arrangements are now being made by the citizens committee and the school board for a parade to transport the principal thoroughfares of the town. The line of march will be announced in a few days. The children have been rehearsing many Christmas carols which will be sung at the tree. Miss Catherine Russell, a well known soprano vocalist, will also sing.

The churches of Stratford contributed liberally to Penny Sunday for the tree fund with the following result: Congregational church, \$11; Methodist church, \$5; Episcopal church, \$3.35; St. James' R. C. church, \$7.41; Bethany Mission church, \$2.50; and Baptist Zion church, \$1.50.

Close to a \$100 has been collected by the children in a house to house canvass as well as in private subscriptions, making a grand total to date of over \$150. Pledges of various amounts made last week by citizens of the town are expected to be deposited within a few days.

Mrs. Richard Howell, who started the club on its useful career, wished to emphasize the fact that it does not matter if a soldier's name is handed in more than once so long as the Citizens Committee gets every name.

### Ordered to Report

Rev. Chauncey C. Kennedy, former rector of Christ Episcopal church, Stratford who recently was designated a chaplain in the army received word Sunday to report Tuesday morning at New York. Rev. Mr. Kennedy left Tuesday and arrived in New York at noon. The clergyman was assigned to a chaplaincy in the twenty-first engineering corps but had no definite word as to where he would be stationed. Rev. Mr. Kennedy has been rector of the Episcopal church for over three years. During his stay in Stratford he has endeared himself to many people irrespective of creed who wish him all possible success.

### Morehouse at Town Hall

Attorney Ivan L. Morehouse, member of the legal advisory board for the town of Stratford wishes to announce that all the young men who have already received the questionnaire and are seeking instruction as to how it should properly be filled out should come at once to the town hall. Mr. Morehouse will be at the town hall every evening during week days from 7 until 9 o'clock. Tuesday evening, 12 noon reported for advice. On Monday 11 noon reported instruction making a total to date of 25.

### Ladies Aid Meets

The Ladies Aid Society of the Stratford Congregational church held their regular meeting this afternoon at Backyard hall, Broad street. Nomination of officers for the coming year took place. The meeting was largely attended. Following the meeting the members did some Red Cross work.

### Varsity Practicing

The Stratford High school basketball five are holding daily practice in anticipation for their next contest Saturday, Jan. 6. They will have as opponents the strong New Milford High school quintet. The game will be staged at Tuttle's auditorium. Among those practicing are: Arthur Smith, John Thompson, Edwin Hall, Sidney Pollett, Irving Bennett, Edward Lacey, John Taylor, Benjamin Graham and John Wilson.

### Back from Washington

Miss Maude and Miss Edith Hastings both of Stratford have returned home after spending some days in Washington in company with other Connecticut delegates at the sessions of National Woman's Suffrage Association.

### Personals

C. Gerald Meyers of Stratford left yesterday for Chicago where he will spend the Christmas holidays as the guest of his brother, Harold Meyers. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gulliver have been entertaining friends from Danbury at their home on Avon Park.

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First receipts from the increase in post office postage rates totalled \$5,485,896 for November.

According to advices from Tokyo public sentiment in Siberia is turning against the Bolsheviks.

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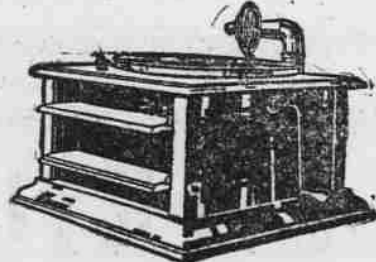
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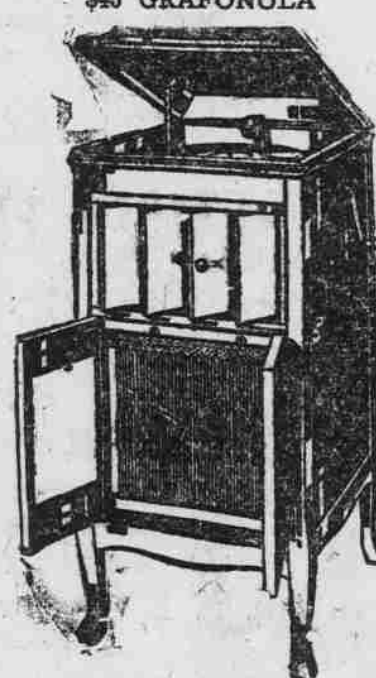
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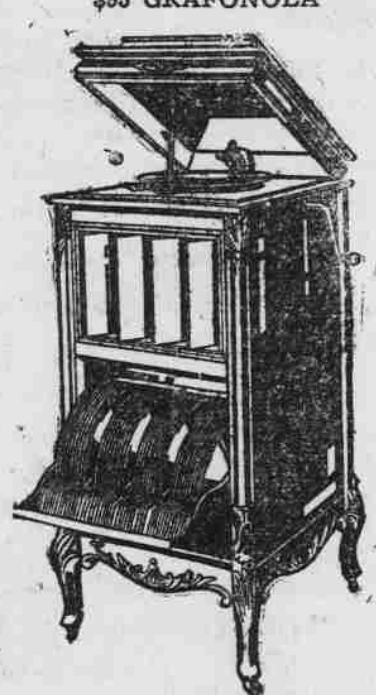
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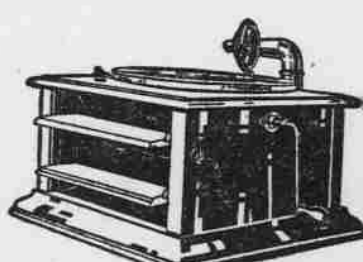
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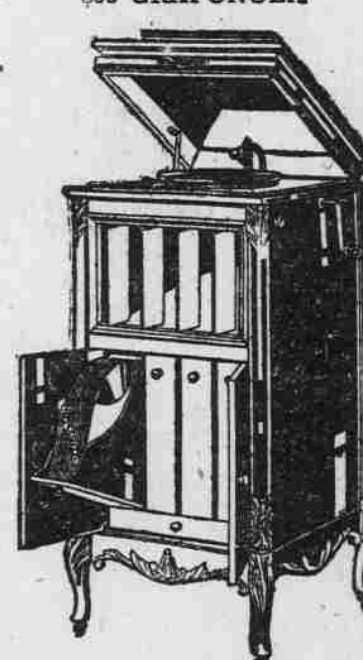
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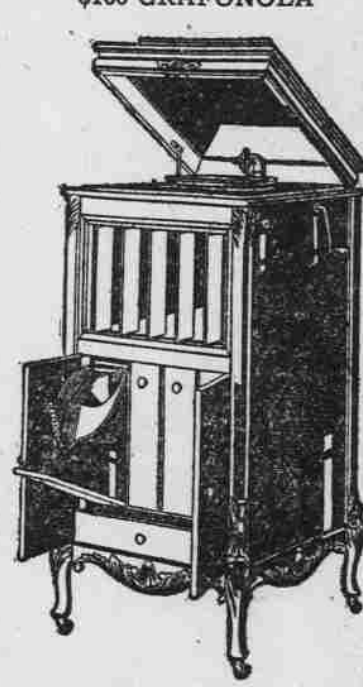
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## GAVLAS NAMED TO SUCCEED OLSSON

Appointment of Dr. Frank E. Gavlas as night surgeon at the Emergency hospital, to succeed Dr. Ewald Olsson, who has received his commission as a Lieutenant in the Medical Reserve Corps of the United States army, and is soon to report for duty, creates a peculiar situation in the hospital staff, since Dr. Gavlas himself is very shortly to enter the service. Dr. Olsson's resignation was accepted by the Board of Charities at its regular meeting Monday afternoon and Dr. Gavlas was named at the same time. Dr. Gavlas, however, received notification about two weeks ago, of his having qualified for a commission, and probably be called within a month. He has been attached to the staff as substitute surgeon.

The government has rejected a lot of army hats owing to a scandal. Perhaps the milliners could work them off if made up with eccentric colors and ugly shapes.

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Mrs. Emily D. Leavenworth and Mrs. George Drew are enjoying a week's visit with their friend, Mrs. Lawson, in Providence, R. I.

The local Sunday schools are preparing exercises appropriate to the Christmas season which will be held next week.

There was a large crowd in attendance at the entertainment given by the Willing Workers. The program presented by the young people was a pleasing one.

Jerome Nichols has enjoyed a trip to Washington, D. C., where he enjoyed sight seeing for a few days. The local school was closed on Friday during the absence of the teacher in New Haven.

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Mrs. Miles Eastwood of Bridgeport has visited a few days at the home of her brother, Perry B. Hubbell. C. E. Osborne has been drawn to serve as juror from the town in the superior court, Bridgeport.

Frederick Laborie of Bridgeport has been spending a week at the home of Mark Curtis.

Miss Nellie Northrop has been the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Wheeler, in Easton.

The death of William Purdy, a former resident of this place, occurred in Bridgeport last week. Mr. Purdy was 75 years of age and is survived by a wife and one child, also two brothers, Charles and Zalmon Purdy of this village. The body was brought here from Bridgeport and interred in the local cemetery on Wednesday.

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Mrs. Frederick, while visiting in New Haven, was taken quite ill. Pneumonia is feared at the present time.

The boy who stole the wheel belonging to Arthur Sherman, pleaded guilty when tried in the superior court. He was fined \$25 and placed in the custody of his father, who resides

in New Jersey.

George H. Lyon has the honor of being the first one in the town of Monroe to purchase war certificates.

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PATIENCE AND COWARDICE  
(By Cardinal Gibbons)  
As an evidence of the righteousness of America's cause in the war, I would point to the patience of our President and Congress under the long series of grave injuries and broken pledges endured by the United States during the time that Germany was professing its friendship for us. We were shocked to see our property unjustly destroyed in vast quantities, but what was immeasurably more serious, to read of our men, women and children killed in violation of the universally accepted customs of the sea. When at length not only American citizens but neutrals everywhere suffered appallingly under the cruelties of a nation which hesitated not to disregard international law we learned that patience was being construed as cowardice, and that it was folly to hope that wiser counsels would prevail

among our enemies to bring about a change in their lawless policy. Then we took the only course open to us, the defense of our sovereign rights as a nation and the upholding of the ideals of truth and justice in the hearts of all peoples. We have entered into the struggle with a clean conscience, seeking no territorial or financial gain, but the peace of the world, the liberty of its people, and the security of all nations.

TODAY'S ANNIVERSARY  
Washington, the capital of the United States, was founded 127 years ago today, Dec. 20, 1790. In the early days of the republic Congress was engaged in a long and bitter wrangle to decide the location of the capital, and for a time the controversy threatened to wreck the infant government. At length an agreement was reached, and a site selected by George Washington was favored by the holding the dream of Washington much vexation was experienced because of the attitude of the owners of the land, who sought to drive hard bargains. Most stub-

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born of all was David Burns, a tobacco planter and justice of the peace, who insisted that he "did not want a capital at his front yard." Washington argued with him for days, and Burns at last capitulated, but he exacted a good price, and also stipulated that his cottage should not be disturbed. This little edifice stood until a few years ago.

ENGLAND NOW TO  
SAVE USED TEA LEAVES  
London, Dec. 20.—Instructions have been sent to all Army and Navy canteens to save all used tea leaves, which are to be carefully kept in muslin bags and forwarded to central depots.

The old leaves are not to be used in again in making beverage, but are needed in connection with munition making.

The use of coal for heating New York theatres may be curtailed, Fuel Administrator Wiggins says.

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